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State Route 3/US 41/Northside Drive at Collier Road Roadway and Waterline Improvements

PI Number: PI 0004166

Brief, general description: This project has been designed to aid in improving the safety and travel efficiency of SR 3/US 41/Northside Drive by removal of the center reversible lane; installation of a right turn lane at Collier Road; providing pedestrian accommodations, including signals and sidewalks throughout the corridor; and installation of an improved waterline by the City of Atlanta. Combining the City's waterline project with Georgia DOT's roadway improvements will avoid multiple construction interruptions in the area.

Project Location: The project is located on Northside Drive between its interchange at I-75 north for 2.46 miles to the intersection of Northside Drive/Northside Parkway in the City of Atlanta, Fulton County.

Project Description: This project is proposed to increase safety and improve traffic congestion on the corridor. The project consists of roadway and waterline improvements along SR 3/US 41/Northside Drive from its interchange at I-75 for 2.46 miles to just north of the Northside Drive/Northside Parkway intersection. The cost is \$23 million.

- The roadway portion of the project from I-75 to Collier Road includes conversion of the existing reversible lane to a two-way left turn lane, with exclusive northbound and southbound left turn lanes onto Collier Road.
- A right turn lane will be installed for the northbound Northside Drive movement turning onto Collier Road eastbound.
- From Collier Road north, the work includes converting the reversible lane to a two-way left turn lane until it connects to the existing four-lane section.
- Sidewalks will extend to Peachtree Creek.
- Signal equipment upgrades and construction of ADA-compliant wheelchair ramps will be made at the intersections of Collier Road, Woodward Way, Peachtree Battle Avenue, West Wesley Road and Arden Road.
- The City of Atlanta will replace the existing 20-inch water main with a 36-inch water line main and sewer line main, and install distribution mains, fire hydrants and pressure vaults through the corridor to improve water pressure in the City's northern communities.

Construction Info:

- Beginning July 14, 2014, work crews will begin pruning and clearing identified trees along Northside Drive.
- For safety, some single lane closures may be needed along the corridor for this activity. Work crews may be scheduled weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 9 am to 6 pm, and some weekends as needed to expedite the project schedule.
- We anticipate that work crews will begin sewer and waterline work August 2014. Related lane closures will be in place weekdays, except for holidays.
- One lane in each direction on Northside Drive will remain open to traffic at all times.
- When waterline and sewer work is complete (anticipated fall 2015), crews will begin the roadway improvements (paving, restriping, sidewalks, crosswalks, signal upgrades) along the corridor.
- The entire waterline and roadway construction is estimated to take three years, until summer 2017.



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Project Schedule:

Pre-Construction - Public Involvement Phase:

• April 2004 1st Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting, Northside Drive United Methodist Church

May 2004 2nd Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
October 2004 3rd Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting
April 2005 4th Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting

April 2005 Held Public Information Open House (PIOH) Meeting

• In anticipation of the project being let in fall 2012, we also scheduled or attended several NPU and neighborhood association meetings for the purpose of discussing the project, as well as individual meetings with Piedmont Hospital Atlanta and The Shepherd Center. Staff for the City Department of Watershed Management often accompanied Georgia DOT staff at these neighborhood meetings.

Let Date: February 21, 2014

Construction Start Date: end July/early August 2014 (weather permitting)

Construction Duration: 36 months (estimated)

Background:

This project was originally scheduled to be let to construction in late 2012; however, other construction in the immediate project area would have put serious traffic impacts on the area. Letting was then tentatively set for late 2013, but it was again rescheduled until February 2014.

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